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A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

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From the Evening Post, September 11.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, one from Holland & one from Flanders.

Madrid, Sept 1.

**T**HE 25th of the last Month, being the Day on which the Prince of Asturias entered into the 16th Year of his Age, their Majesties received, on that Account, the Compliments of the Court. The Picture of Mademoiselle de Beaujolois was lately brought hither from Paris; all the Courtiers who have seen it agree, that the young Princess it represents is a Beauty.

*Paris, Sept. 16.* The Canopy which was used at the Coronation of Francis I. having been made larger and much finer, was last Week sent to Rheims. Here arrive daily Persons of Quality of diverse Nations, who come with an intent to see the Coronation of his Majesty. On the 11th Instant the Count de Clermont, Brother of the Duke of Bourbon, had certainly been drowned in the Canal of Versailles, where he was fishing, had not one of the King's Running Footmen jump in after him and brought him out immediately. The Readiness and Dexterity of that Footman in saving the Life of that young Prince, has been rewarded with a Gratuity of 40 Pistoles, besides a Pension settled on him for Life. The Ambassadors of Venice are preparing very magnificent Equipages for their public Entry, which is to be next Sunday.

*Naples, August 25.* The Ottoman Squadron is again sailed out of the Chanel of Malta, without having undertaken any Thing, because they found the Island of Malta and that of Gazzo, better provided with Men and Necessaries than they expected.

*Rome, August 29.* We cannot tell with any Certainty where the Chevalier de St. George is since he left Lucca.

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From the London Journal.

To the Author of the London Journal.

SIR,

I Design this Paper for a Dissertation upon Heroes, who were at first a sort of brave disinterested Men, that having more Courage and Powers than others, went about doing good to others, and to all at their own Expence and Danger. They established and reformed Communities, and Taught them Laws, and punished those who violated justice and Law: They destroyed publick Robbers and Murderers, the greatest of all publick Robbers nay Monstrous Tyrants, and liv'd the Patrons of Virtue and useful Valour. Hence they were called *Heroes* a sort of middle Beings, Superior to other Men, and a-kin to the Gods.

But so wild is the Nature of Man, and so impudent the Nature of Ambition, that whereas the Primitive Heroes, were the Bulwarks of Society, and the Preservers of Men, these who pretended to succeed them, were the Disturbers of Society and the Destroyers of Men; and such Tyrants and Monsters as the old Heroes had destroyed, did themselves impudently set up for Heroes. With the same Modesty, Superstition which destroys Religion, has in the greatest part of the World usurp'd the Place of Religion: Tyranny, which is the Extermination of Government, calls it self Government: And thus stole persecuting Priests and lawless Kings. But so are Words and the World abused: and with so much Safety, and even Applause, is Mischief committed, when it has got but a Name.

Alexander desisted himself, and Oasar was desisted by others, for being universal Murderers: and Coke of Bury was hanged for attempting one Murder: Had he been at the Head of a Hundred Thousand, he had been recorded for a Heroe, and his Name handed down to After-ages with *Elogiums*, and publick Declamations made in the Schools upon his Conduct and Virtue.

Child the Highwayman robb'd the Mail, and was put to Death, but instead of the Mail, had he robb'd a Nation (I mean any Nation but this) he might probably have govern'd it; and instead of hanging in Chains, led a whole People in Chains, and been dubb'd an able Stateman, and a faithful Minister.

Mischief is inseparable from the Profession of a present Heroe, whose Business and Ambition, is to multiply Conquests, and consequently Miseries, upon those whom they Conquer. What a wild and inhumane Spirit! to plague the World to make a Figure in it, to commit great Vilanies for a good Name; to destroy the Peace and Prosperity of Mankind, to gain their Esteem; and to shed their Blood, to shew themselves fit to govern them! For these gain by such Accomplishments of theirs, but their Soldiers, whose Lives too they throw away as wantonly as those take away the Lives of others. The chief Gainers therefore are only a few Officers, Servants and Strumpets, who are about their Persons, and execute their Lusts and Rage for their own Ends: And so to glut a restless Tyrant and his Instruments, Men and Nations must be slaughtered and enslaved. This is Heroism and the Glory of Conquering!

Such is the Difference between the old Original Heroes and their Apes, who by Fraud, Violence, Perjury and restless Cruelty, make War upon their Subjects, and Neighbours, and by sacrificing the Virtuous and Brave, or making them their Instruments of sacrificing Others, and by distressing, exhausting, plundering and chaining All, push human Misery as far as it can go. These are the Wolves and Tygers of human Race: Imperial Beasts of Prey, who, if the World would Preserve it self, ought to be drawn out of the World, or hung up in it in *Terrorism*; or, like these their more innocent Bretheren, who only kill for Food, be block'd up in Dens, and shewn as they are, for Monsters: Or perhaps it would be still a more equitable Punishment, if they could be Caught, to shut up a Number of them in a Mad-house; with their beloved Arms about them, there to fight and tear one anothers Flesh, and spill their own detestable Blood, till they have no more to spill; and this would be giving a sort of Satisfaction to Mankind for so much human Blood outrageously and wantonly spilt.

But this is not the only Mock Heroism in the World; there is yet another sort as Mischievous, but still more Ridiculous, and that is a violent Appetite for War, and Victory, and Conquest, without engaging personally in the Danger, or coming near it, but being very valorous by Proxy, and fond of fighting without drawing a Sword. This was the prudent Bravery of a late great Conqueror, who was never tir'd of War, yet never tir'd himself in it: In the Heat of a Battle others fought for his Glory, he run no Risque, but sat securely at a great Distance with the wife old Woman, his Mistress; waiting for Laurels of other Peoples Winning. When his Agents had bought a Town for him treacherously, or his Generals stolen a Province as treacherously; still it was Victory, still it was fair Conquest; and the Glory was his at 300 Leagues Distance; for every thing he did was Glorious, the meanest and the basest Things; and by those Means he became *Immortal*, Immortal in Conquest without a Scar.

*The rest of This shall be in our next.*

From the Flying Post.

Rome, August 22. 'Tis said that Cardinal Alberoni has desired Leave of the Cardinal Spinola, Secretary of State, to publish a 2d Letter in his own Vindication; but what Answer he had we know not. We hear that some Persons digging in the Road to Orfia, found a Chest of Oriental Alabaster, very curiously wrought with little Figures on the Out-side, which some Judges say, was the Tomb of the Emperor Vespasian.

Hague,



*Hague, Sept. 16.* The Report of the Pretender's sudden Departure from the Baths of Lucca gains much Credit here; and 'tis supposed he is by this time arrived at Paris *Incog.* unless the News of the Imprisonment of a certain Prelat has met him on the Road. The Circumstances of that Affair are variously related: Mean-time we are assured, that among his Papers Letters were found, of his own Hand-writing, shewing that he held a Correspondence with the Enemies of the Government to promote a Conspiracy in favours of the Pretender: That he likewise advanced Money for that Purpose: That he sent him considerable Remittances, as if he had been his Treasurer: And that there are several other Articles laid to his Charge. We are told that hardly any Body endeavours to vindicate, or seems to pity him: And 'tis said that by his Insinuations, to say no worse, he was the sole Cause of the Proscription of the late Duke of Ormond. We are told likewise, that some who went to see him soon after his Commitment, found him as gay and smiling as if he was wholly unconcerned, which they think nevertheless does not look very well. 'Tis added, That no Body is allowed to whisper to him, nor to speak to him but at such a Distance that his Keepers may easily hear every Word that passes. Some Persons don't scruple to say, that his Accusers have charged him, 1. That he was to be one of the Heads of the Conspiracy which was to break out in the Middle of this Month, but deferred, for certain Reasons, till November next. 2. That he composed and writ with his own Hand a Declaration from the Pretender, which was to be distributed in due Time among the People. 3. That he was the Treasurer of a Sum amounting to Half a Million *Sterl.* which had been raised among the Papists and Jacobites of this Country. 4. That he disposed of Part of the Collection in favour of a certain Number of Persons who were to raise a Rebellion among the People. And 5. That he made great Remittances of Money to the late Duke of Ormond in Spain, &c. 'Tis affirmed, that several Letters have been intercepted from the One to the Other; besides others from the said Prelat to a certain Person (now in Custody of a Messenger) who lately made several Voyages between Spain and England.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

*Genoa, August 12.* They write from Turin, That the King of Sardinia has given Orders for the Foreign Troops quartered in Savoy to be disbanded.

*Basil, Sept. 3.* Letters from Lucca advise, That the Pretender is gone thence, but no Body could tell whither; some were of opinion that he is gone to Spain by way of Paris: But this News has no Foundation but mere Conjecture.

*Brussels, Sept. 14.* Last Thursday the Lord Whitworth's Master of the Horse arrived here with 26 Horses, to convey to Cambray his Lordship's Coach of State which is made here.

*From the St. James's Evening Post.*

*Aleppo, July 25.* We have received Advice that the Inhabitants of Ispahan have admitted Mireweys into their City, and that he now resides in the Royal Palace. He gives no Disturbance to the French, English nor Dutch, nor to the Armenians and other Christians that are established there; But he treats with great Severity the Mahometans, who are not of his Party, as well in the City as Country.

*Gibraltar, August 14.* The Reason of Rear Admiral Graves's coming hither with his Squadron was, because he was in Want of Water. He lay becalmed for six Days between the Streights and Cape Mol. As soon as he has taken in the necessary Refreshments, he will repass the Streights, and continue to cruize till the Middle of September, as was agreed between him and the Commander of the Spanish Squadron. Our Governour has given him a very civil Reception; and has told him, that he had Orders from the British Court, to offer him all Manner of Assistance.

*Madrid, August 25.* The late Duke of Ormond is retired to Molar. They talk of forming a Camp on the Frontiers of Portugal. The Moors are making great Preparations for War, and threaten Ceuta with a new Siege.

*Paris, Sept 7. N. S.* There's nothing talk'd of here but the King's Coronation (which we hear is again put off till the 1st of November) and the new Ministry of the Cardinal Dubois.

*London, Sept. 8.* On Tuesday the 3 new Messengers appointed to succeed Mr. Molloy, Mr. Bynam and Mr. Hutchins, lately discharged for Neglect of Duty, were sworn before William Sharp, Esq; Clerk to the Cheque. The Number of the State Messengers are now 40 complete, 20 whereof wait at a Time monthly, distributed as follows: 4 at Court, 5 at one Secretary's Office, and 5 at another, and 2 at the 3d Office for North Britain, 3 at the Council Office, and 1 at the Lord Chamberlain of the Household's, in whose Gift is their Places, and, when purchased, is worth 300 L.

On Thursday last, between 4 & 5 A-clock in the Afternoon, the Canterbury Coach coming to London was robb'd by one Highwayman on Berkley Heath; Two Country-men that immediately came by, having Notice of it, pursued and overtook him on Black Heath: And he finding it impossible for him to escape, pissoll'd himself at the Right Ear, and instantly fell down dead from his Horle.

*From the White-hall Evening Post, September 11.*

*Ratisbon, September 6.* 'Tis rumoured, That the King of Great Britain will send hither a Minister, to support the Interest of the Protestants in the Palatinate, and other Parts of the Empire, who are chiefly supported by that Monarch and the King of Prussia.

*Hague, September 18.* 'Tis not yet known, whether our Squadron of Ships, which are cruising upon the Barbary Rovers are to return home before Winter. The Time for opening the Cambray Congress remains unfix'd, so that the Portuguese Ambassador is in no Haste to go from hence to that Town.

*London, September 11.* We hear, that the Bank of England have resolved to sell the Stock of such of their Proprietors as do not by the 19 Instant repay the Loans on their Stock, and return the Overplus.

We hear, That a Petition was lately presented in the Name of Ms. Morice, Daughter of the Lord Bishop of Rochester; praying, that she might visit her Father, under such Restrictions as should be thought proper; and that Application has been made, that Mr. Atterbury, only Son of the said Bishop, might be permitted to see his Lordship before he went to settle at Oxford: But the same could not be obtain'd.

*From the Evening Post, September 11.*

*Rome, August 29.* The King of Spain has caused to be notified to the Regency of Genoa, that 500000 Crowns have been lodged in the Bank of that City by his Order, in Consideration of which he Demands of them to restore to the Crown of Spain the Isle of Corsica, which was pawn'd to that State by one of his Predecessors.

*Hamburg, September 15.* Letters from Russia mention the Discovery of a horrid Conspiracy against the Czar at Astracan.

*London, September 11.* On Saturday the Struggle at Ipswich for two Bailiffs for the Year ensuing, ended, in the Choice of Mr. Cornelius, and Mr Sparrow. The first in the Interest of Sir William Thomson, Col. Negus, and Major Churchill, the other on the Contrary Side.

The Treasurer of the Charter-house Convent at Paris, having gone off about the End of last Month with about 200000 Livres, and some hundreds of Lewis D'ors of the said Convent's Money, came over to England, and last Friday was taken in Suffolk-street, by the Directions of M. Chammonel the French Secretary, and Yesterday Morning committed to Newgate, till Orders come from the French Court to send him back.

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They write from Scotland, that Captain McNeil marched from Inverness with a Detachment of his Majesty's Forces, to disperse a Party of Highlanders belonging to the Earl of Seaforth, who were lying in Ambuscade in a Wood, the said Captain was ordered with a Serjeant and a Party of 18 Men out of the said Detachment, to clear the said Wood of the Highlanders, which last let them Pass without Molestation; upon which Captain McNeil advanced on the Head of his main Body, the Highlanders attack'd them, and in the Fight the Captain received 12 small Shot, upon which he dropp'd, and was carried off wounded. One of his Majesty's Men was kill'd, and some wounded. Upon which the Highlanders left the said Wood, with a Design to draw his Majesty's Forces to their other Parties who were lurking on the Hills. The King's Forces pursuing them, little imagining that they had any more but themselves; a Gentleman came to the King's Troops, and told them, that if they advanced any further they would all be cut to Pieces. Upon which a Council of War was held, and it was resolv'd to retreat to Inverness.

Last Night died Captain Scroggs, who was wounded by Captain Marriot.

*Wye's Letter-verbatim, September 11. 1722.*

THEY write from Paris, That on the 15th was published the Arrêt for Taxing the Mississipians, enjoining the Taxes to be paid either in Annuities on the Town-house, Provincial Annuities, or Certificates of Liquidations: The Persons taxed must pay one Moiety in 8 Days after Notice; and the other in 15 Days; and such as are not able to pay within that Time, shall make a public Acknowledgement before a Notary, obliging themselves to make that Payment within a Month at farthest, for those who live in Paris; and for those who live in the Provinces, to make it in 2 Months, otherwise to be proceeded against by due Form of Law.

The Breaking up of the Provincial Diet of Grand Poland without any Success, is attributed to the Artifices of the Russian Monarch, who has brought near to his Interest a powerful Party in that Kingdom.

'Tis wrote from Dantzick, That the Elector of Bavaria's Minister lately had three Conferences with the Duke of Mecklenburg, whose Dutches, together with the Dutches Dowager of Courland, was arrived at Dunamondet-Fort, near Riga, designing to proceed thence to Petersburgh.

We have no Account of the Russian Squadron which sailed from Cronstot and Revel: Mean-time the Danes are unrigging their Fleet.

There is Advice, That the St. Peter, Capt. Janon, from East Indies, is arrived at Ostend: And our Merchants have an Account that the Bonetra, bound from Barbadoes to Philadelphia, was taken and burnt off of Martinico, and all the Men set on Shore on the Island of St. Lucia.

Last Week Sir Henry Bateman, Sir Thomas Jones and several others were, in a new Commission of the Peace, appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex and Liberties of Westminster.

'Tis said there will soon be a very great Regulation among the several Troops of Horse and Horse Guards; the Officers of the said Troops having made their Returns to the Earl Cadogan, containing a particular Account of all the Gentlemen of their Troops, where they were born, how long they have served, and where they served before.

A Gentleman of the First Troop is broke for insulting his Major; and Mr. Gary, of the 2d Troop of Grenadier Guards, received last Week 100 Lashes in Hyde Park, and was afterwards drum'd out of the said Park, for insulting the Earl of Albemarle.

Sunday Morning last, Captain Marriot of the Horse, and Captain Scroggs, of the 3d Regiment of Foot, fought a Duel, wherein both were wounded, the latter dangerously.

We have still various Reports concerning the Bishop of Rochester; some now give out, that he has not only kept a secret Correspondence with the late Duke of Ormond, but also with Cardinal Alberoni. The general Opinion continues of this Prelate's being to be tried at the King's Bench Bar, by a special Commission of Oyer and Terminer; 'tis thought the Trial will run much upon the Proof of Hand-writings.

Yesterday a Letter came from the Devizes, dated the 8th Instant, advising they had an Account, that one of the King's Messengers had seized a Waggoner at Chippenham, who, as 'tis given out, has carried this Summer at several Times 20 Tuns of Gun Powder, and considerable Quantities of Arms from London to Bristol, that the said Waggoner was in Custody; and the Messenger gone forward to Bristol, which is a very trading City, and has a great Call for Gun-powder and Arms, by Reason of the many Merchant Ships, that sail yearly to the West Indies. 'Tis said the Barrels of Gun-powder, seized at Reading on the two Barges, were consigned to a Merchant at Bristol. Yesterday the King took the Diversion of shooting flying at Bulby Park near Hampton Court, his Majesty shot 2 Brace and half of Pheasants, and a Brace of Partridges; The Earl of Halifax shot several Times without once missing, and the young Turk Henderick shot often and hit his Game. We hear that 7 Men of War are ordered to be fitted out for a secret Expedition. Mr. Drummond is taken into Custody of a Messenger.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

¶ These are to give Notice, That upon Friday the 28th of September Instant, the Room of *Locheat*, Tiends and Pertinents, having a good Meadow and a Park inclosed with a Stone and Lime Dike, lying in the Paroch of *Torphricbin* and Sherifdom of *Linlithgow*: Is to be let in Tack by Way of publick Roup, in the House of *George Bell* late one of the Baillies of *Linlithgow*, at the Crose of the said Burgh, betwixt the Hours of Two and Three Afternoon. Who ever intends to offer at the Roup, may see the Conditions thereof, both in the Hands of *Andrew Crawford* of *Locheat*, Heritor of the said Lands, his House in *Linlithgow*, and in the Writing-chamber of *Alexander Guthrie* Writer to the Signet, on the North-side of the High Street, opposite to the Tolbooth of *Edinburgh*.

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